

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A steam generating device comprising:

a barrel shape pot, said barrel shape pot is flattened in a lateral direction, the lateral direction being perpendicular to a vertical, longitudinal axis of said barrel shape pot;  
a heater arranged in a bottom part of the barrel shape pot; and  
a steam suction device that laterally extends horizontally, above the heater in the barrel shape pot such that the steam suction device extends in a horizontal direction perpendicular to a vertical center axis line of said barrel shape pot, and transects said barrel shape pot in the lateral direction.
2. (Previously presented) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein the heater is built with a sheath heater that is immersed in water inside the barrel shape pot.
3. (Previously presented) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein the steam suction device is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the barrel shape pot in the lateral direction from one side to an opposite side.
4. (Original) The steam generating device of claim 3, wherein the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level.

5. (Previously presented) A steam cooking apparatus comprising:
  - a heating chamber in which food is placed;
  - an outer circulation passage through which gas inside the heating chamber is sucked in and is then returned to the heating chamber; and
  - the steam generating device of claim 1 that feeds steam, through the steam suction device, to the outer circulation passage.
6. (Previously presented) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein in the steam generating device, the steam suction device is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the barrel shape pot in the lateral direction from one side to an opposite side, and the outer circulation passage divides into a plurality of paths through a steam suction ejector of the plurality steam suction ejectors in the steam suction device.
7. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 6, wherein in the steam generating device, the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level.
8. (Previously presented) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein the steam generating device is arranged with one flatten side of the barrel shape pot parallel to a side wall of the heating chamber.

9. (Previously presented) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein  
the outer circulation passage is connected to a sub-cavity provided adjacent to the  
heating chamber, and  
the steam flowing through the outer circulation passage into the sub-cavity is  
heated by a second heater provided in the sub-cavity, and is then fed to the heating chamber.